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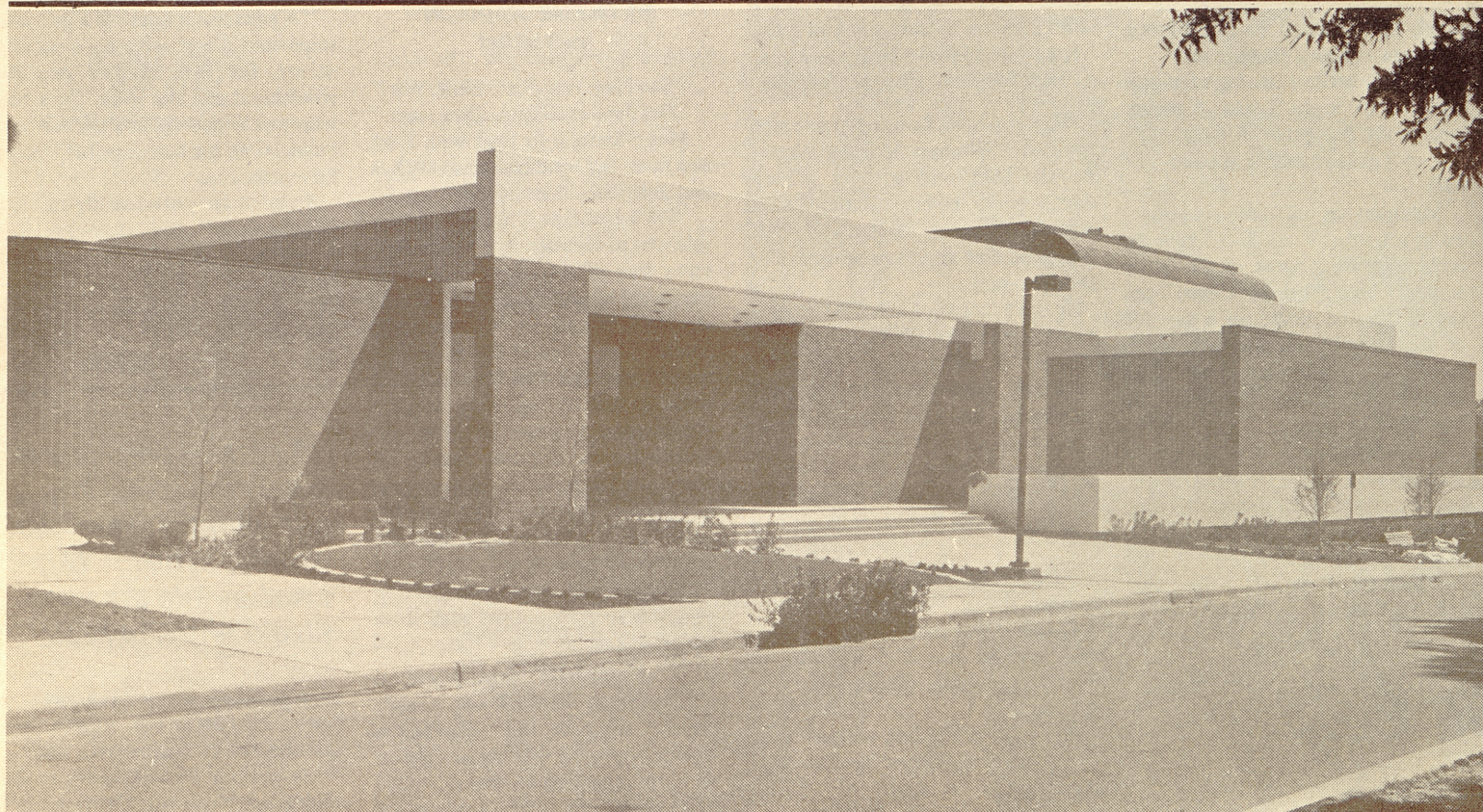


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PHYSICAL EDUCATION--Work on the new Health and Physical Education building moves into the finishing touches in preparation for Sunday's dedication. The building houses a swimming pool, weight room, track, tennis, volleyball and basketball courts and practice areas

for Apache Band and Belles. It will free Wagstaff Gym for inter-collegiate athletics. The public is invited to the 1:30 p.m. ceremony which will be preceded by an Apache Band concert.

Reception tomorrow to honor McClendon

By MARGARET WHITEHEAD
staff writer

TJC graduate and Washington journalist Sarah McClendon will be honored at a reception at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the African Room of Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center. McClendon has donated a collection of audio and video tapes which reflect her work in the political world.

"Sarah McClendon has accepted our invitation to be present so the college can appropriately thank her for contribution of her valuable tape collection," said C.C. Baker Jr., vice president for development and college relations.

"The Sarah McClendon Collection" includes tapes in which her 50 year career in journalism is chronicled.

The audio tapes include 25 conversations and observations of the many people in which McClendon interviewed during her extended career.

Specific tapes deal with such personalities as Jesse Jackson. McClendon interviewed him when he was named Mayor of the Resurrection City on the Mall, the Civil Rights Camp in Washington in 1963.

Many of the interviews are with White House staff members such as Anne Wexler who was in charge of political affairs under President Jimmy Carter. McClendon also interviewed Earl Butz. Butz served as Secretary of Agriculture under President Nixon. He created scandals during this administration by making racial remarks.

Another audio tape deals with Howard Baker who presently serves as Chief of Staff for President Reagan. At the time of the interview Baker was Senate Majority Leader.

McClendon also included a personal interview about her life as a political writer in Washington. Included on the tape are reflections of Lyndon B. Johnson and the media in Washington.

Ten video tapes are also comprised in the collection. Most refer to the different television talk shows in which McClendon has participated.

The video tapes included such shows as the "Saturday Magazine" program which features clips of a 1962 press conference with John F. Kennedy, a

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'Foreigner' opens tonight in Browne

The two-act play, "The Foreigner," opens at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Jean Browne Theatre. The play will run through Tuesday with nightly performances and a Saturday matinee. No Sunday performance is planned.

Tickets cost \$1 for TJC students, \$3 for non-TJC students and \$1 for senior citizens and children.

"Tickets will be on sale throughout the last performance," said Speech/Theater Coordinator David Crawford.

"'Foreigner' is a light-hearted comedy that mixes mischief and misconception with backwoods humor for hilarious results," Crawford said.

The cast includes: Mike Easterlin as Froggie, Scott Pierce as Charlie, Robin Hart as Betty, Scott Carpenter as David, Melony Henske as Catherine, Jeff Hardgrave as Owen and David Martin as Ellard.

"I think the audience will love it. When I was reading the script, I was rolling, it was so funny. This is my third show at TJC. I've played Gus in 'Babes in Arms,' Frank in 'Brigadoon' and now Ellard in 'The Foreigner,'" said Martin.

"The Foreigner," written by Larry Shue, was named Best Off-Broadway Production in 1985.

"It's coming along great. We've come a long way in the past few weeks," said Martin.

Greeks give awards

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Tau Kappa were named top fraternity and sorority at the Intergreek Banquet last Saturday evening at Windsor Plaza.

The banquet marked the end of Greek activities this year as well as the conclusion of Greek Week events.

Greek winners are:

● Sigma Phi Epsilon for flag

football, softball, water volleyball and putt-putt,

● Pi Kappa for the basketball hot shot competition,

● Sans Souci for putt-putt and the pyramid contest,

● Zeta Phi Omega for water volleyball and flag football,

● Tau Kappa for softball and big wheel races.

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Magazine layout takes 1st

Just as the 1987 Touchstone went to press, news arrived that the 1986 edition had taken top honors for layout and design.

The second edition of Touchstone is expected on campus early next week.

"The final proof has been sent to the printers and we should see the magazine next week," said Student Publications Director Linda Zeigler.

The first edition won first in layout, design and typography in Texas Intercollegiate Press Association competition.

Zeigler learned of the award late last week.

That edition was designed by Shelly Armor, Iris Bilberry, Nita Langenegger, Chante Mazy and Donna Riffle.

"We beat literary magazines from Lee and Midland colleges and East Texas State University. These are the big guys. I am extremely proud of the work our students did," said Zeigler.

Both editions were designed and laid out by journalism students in J223 Editing classes.

For TIPA awards we compete against two and four year colleges, she explained.

The second edition of the student-faculty literary magazine has been under construction since Dec. 1, 1986, the first entry deadline. Since that time students have evaluated entries, selected art and articles for publication, designed and laid out pages and proofed the magazine.

"Last year I said the magazine was just a baby. This year it has become an adult quickly," said Touchstone Sponsor Noamie Byrum.

The identities of those whose entries were selected remained a secret until they received certificates at last week's Humanities Honors reception. Yet even those who received awards do not yet know which entries were accepted.

The publication will be distributed in the TJC News stands around campus.

To encourage more interest, special pages of Touchstone information will be inserted in the magazine. The half-page insert will include information on how to sign up to work on the third edition, said Byrum. Interested persons can leave their names and other information in the Humanities Division office.

Mitcham wins award in poetry contest

TJC student Johnnie W. Mitcham recently learned he received a special award from National College Poetry Contest. His poem, "Don't You See," will be published in the semi-annual anthology, American Collegiate Poets Spring Concur 1987.

"I really didn't think that I would win anything," said Mitcham. "I saw the entry information in the TJC News and sent my poem in on an impulse. I was really surprised to learn I had won."

Mitcham has not always been a poet.

"In high school, I never wanted to read or write like my English teacher wanted me to. Now, I find that I'm going back and reading most of the things I passed up before," he said.

Mitcham, who has traveled exten-

sively in the United States, finds the different cultures interesting.

"I can't believe the high feelings of state pride in Texas. I mean, everybody has pride in their state, but in Texas it really shows," he said.

Mitcham has only recently returned to school. "I feel like I have an advantage over some of the other students here, because I have been out in the real world for a number of years and I know what it's really like. I feel it gives me more of an incentive to learn, to study," he explained.

The anthology is a collection of contemporary poetry written by college men and women in every state in the nation. Of the thousands of entries, five received \$100, 55 received honorable mention and 300 received special awards.

Don't You See

By Johnnie Mitcham

*If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.
My dear wife, don't grieve or cry for me
I'll be happier than ever; don't you see?
No more sorrow, no more tears
No more pressure, no more fears.
No more failure, no more hurt
And this wretched flesh can return to dirt.
Remember the good times and not the bad
Whatever you do, refuse to be sad.
Soon my dearest, we'll be together again
Follow Jesus and truly free
So I'll be happier than ever; Don't you see?
No more flesh to hinder me
Then I can follow the Lord to a tee.*

Praise God in the Highest!

McClendon

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1962 press conference with John F. Kennedy, a 1969 press conference with Lyndon B. Johnson and interviews with Howard Baker and U.S. Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder.

McClendon is featured in one tape entitled "Women Making News: Sarah McClendon" in which McClendon interviews Jim Baker who was formerly Reagan's Chief of Staff and now serves as Secretary of the Treasury.

A rare copy of an Eisenhower press conference which occurred on August 13, 1956 shortly before he officially opened his campaign for re-election has also been added.

A more current video tape is a Reagan press conference in which McClendon is welcomed back after surgery by the President.

McClendon, who has served as a White House, congressional and Defense Department correspondent, has covered nine U.S. presidents. She was a public affairs officer in World War I.

Since then she has worked as a radio and television broadcaster. McClendon is author of "Sarah McClendon's Washington," a syndicated column, and "Sarah McClendon's Report," a newsletter based on people and events in Washington.

McClendon has appeared on many television talk shows such as "Meet the Press" and "Late Night with David Letterman," and has made cross-country lecture tours.

She is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, Society of Professional Journalists and served as vice president of the National Press Club in Washington. She was appointed to two terms on the Veterans Administration Committee on Women Veterans and the Army's Advisory Task Force on Women in the Army. "It is an opportunity for (TJC President) Dr. Hawkins and (Board of Trustees President) Dr. Vaughn to extend our thanks on behalf of the College," said Baker.

After the reception, McClendon will answer questions from local media representatives and guests.

Dick, Jane face new drug conflicts

By DEBBIE JOHNSON
staff writer

"See Dick run. Run, Dick, run."
"See Jane run. Run, Dick, run."

Many learned to read with Dick and Jane. But what happened to Dick and Jane after first grade?

"Dick and Jane," a film recently released to Instructional Media Services free of copyright, tells what happened to the familiar pair. Written and hosted by Occupational Health Consultant Harry Edwards, the film explains how Dick and Jane grew up and started using drugs.

Edwards based the film on knowledge he acquired during 30 years as a toxicologist in Brazosport. He decided to make this film after viewing others offered by the local school district. Edwards said none of the films concerning alcohol and drug abuse discouraged him from taking drugs.

"Dick and Jane" is presented on a sixth grade level. Using simple camera work and an illustration board, Edwards talks about cigarettes, marijuana, beer, heroin, speed and several other drugs abused by young people.

Dick became a basketball player and Jane became a cheerleader. Both, under peer pressure, began smoking in the sixth grade. By age 15, they were smoking a pack to a pack and a half a day.

They also began to drink beer.

"What's a few beers among sixth graders?" asks Edwards. He notes in his next sentence that in his first presentation to a group of third graders, he discovered four alcoholics.

Another startling fact brought up by Edwards is that 76 people die in car/alcohol related accidents every day. Fifty of those 76 are less than 20 years old. Over 1,120 people suffer permanent injuries from these accidents, he says.

"A permanent injury is a girl who steps into a car with an alcoholic driver, her face crashes into the windshield and she lives. Or a boy who just slides under the dash and breaks both his kneecaps off," says Edwards.

Toxicologists are usually the last to see people in drug/alcohol related accidents. It takes 20 minutes for a toxicologist to pump the victim's stomach and analyze its content for just one drug. For two drugs, it takes one hour; for three drugs, two

"A permanent injury is a girl who steps into a car with an alcoholic driver, her face crashes into the windshield and she lives."

hours; for four drugs, maybe they can analyze it, maybe they can't.

We next see Dick and Jane in the emergency room where they are being seen by a toxicologist.

Dick is dead. But the saddest part of Edward's drug story is that Jane survives. She is a known drug addict and pregnant.

A woman is born with every egg she will have during her life. Most drugs, other than marijuana, affect mature eggs. Marijuana's effects occur only if the egg is fertilized within 120 days after using the drug, but chances are, a baby conceived years after one has stopped taking hard drugs may have abnormalities.

Edwards film is informative. It gives straight, accurate information presented in a way that is easy to understand. It makes the person who is doing or considering doing drugs take a second glance at the consequences.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I, for one, am in favor of revenue to benefit the state's economy. Without revenue, many of the beneficial programs supported by the state would be non-existent. I am not in favor of tightening the cinch of an already galled horse, however, and this is exactly how I feel about the state raising tuition of state-funded colleges. Federal funding has already been cut, saddling the student with greater financial burdens.

A student only has so many hours a day to provide the funding needed to complete his education, many hours less than the average person. Much of his time is needed for actual class attendance and out of class study.

As I see it, the state is robbing the student of his time by forcing him out to seek employment to pay greater tuition. The average requirement for most degrees has increased from four to five years. With additional hours needed for employment to fund his education, the stu-

dent is looking at, realistically, five to six years in school before ever gaining from his education.

I understand the need for the state to find a means to replace the revenue lost through the oil crisis, but to further tax an establishment that already has its fair share of costs is an outrage.

Recently, the House passed legislation on the parimutuel issue. It is now up to each county to decide the issue. Here is a way to collect revenue for the state as well as the county, doing away for the need of increasing educational costs at this time. Not only will this generate revenue for the state but jobs will be created on the tracks as well as the racing farms already springing up around the countryside. For the moment Texas horses are generating revenue for Louisiana and New Mexico. Let's bring them home to Texas.

Susan Blalock
Grand Saline, Tx

Students donate 200 units of blood

By JOE WHITE
staff writer

TJC students donated 200 pints of blood during the spring blood drive last week in the Student Center and the Pirtle Technology Building.

The blood drives are held in cooperation with the Shriners to obtain blood for the 22 Shiner hospitals for crippled children and the Shiner Burn Centers.

Treatment in Shiner hospitals is free to children and their families. The nearest Shiner hospitals are in Shreveport and Houston. They also maintain a burn center in Galveston.

Students and faculty donate blood each semester to the Shiner drive.

"I feel that when someone is in need of blood, they might use mine and by donating, I might help someone in real need of it," said Kaufman Freshman Deborah Samuel.

"It gives you an opportunity to help someone. That someone could be you someday," said Troup Freshman Marci Wilcox.

Stewart Blood Center is in charge of receiving the blood. They have staff on campus during the drive to draw the blood.

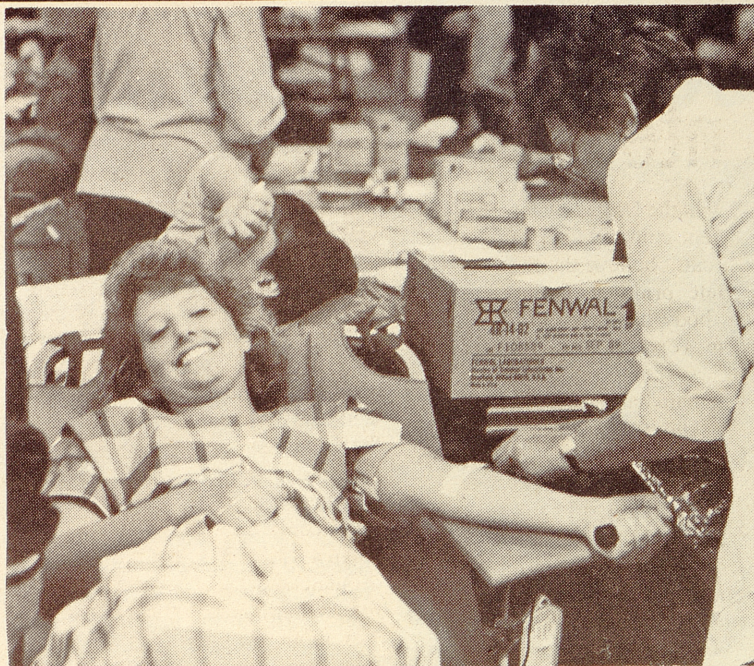
"Stewart runs low frequently. It's civic responsibility because there always seems to be a shortage of blood when it's most needed," said Tyler Freshman Brian Carr.

The blood drive is also set up as a competition among fraternities and sororities with points for the group

which gets the most blood donated in their name.

The winners are:

- First-Delta Upsilon and Sigma Phi Epsilon with 40 pints each
- Second-Sans Souci with 33 pints
- Third-Tau Kappa with 17 pints
- Fourth-Pi Kappa with 15 pints
- Fifth-Zeta Phi Omega with 11 pints



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GIVE TILL IT HURTS--(top photo) Fashion merchandising major Marci Wilcox gives blood during annual Blood Drive. "I think if you are able to give blood you should," said Wilcox.

(bottom photo) Freshman Business major Kari Jackson gives Computer Science major Bill Fleck a helping hand.

All ages find fun dancin'

By DEBBIE JOHNSON
staff writer

"You step on your girls' toes, it's really gonna smash 'em," warns Jana Stout, country western dance instructor.

In this continuing education class that meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks, students from ages 7 to 70 can learn 10 country western dances. Taught are the two step, three step, waltz, Cotton Eyed Joe, double two step, breakaway and the Freeze.

"I find teaching dance class the most enjoyable thing anyone could ever do," says Stout who has taught beginning and advanced classes for five years.

Stout also teaches classes at Gentry's and Gentry's Loafing Shed.

"I meet a lot of people and teach them to have a good time," Stout said.

"It's an opportunity to meet people. I'm giving the class to my partner as a birthday present," explains Commercial Artist Randy Price.

Lewis Hall's Coordinator Mary Key enjoys taking the class for exercise and to improve her skills in western dance.

"Don't tell me who the bad dancer is," exclaims Becky Stewart as she points at the scuffed toe of her boot. "He's been stepping on my feet all night."

Cody Weaver, a student at Whitehouse Intermediate School who is taking the class with his parents and two sisters, says the class is fun.

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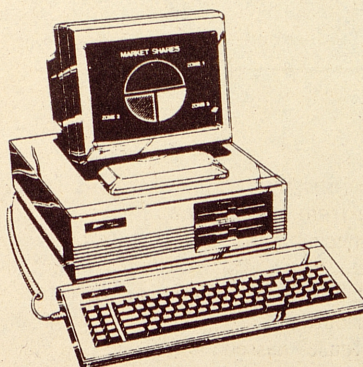
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Photo Essay

Physical education center opens



By ALAN FREEMAN
photo editor

The new Health and Physical Education building will be dedicated at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The 75,000 square foot building cost \$5 million to build and equip, said Dr. Billy J. Doggett, dean of health, physical education, recreation and athletics.

The facility, said Doggett, will house 10 racquetball courts, basketball, volleyball and tennis areas, a one-tenth mile jogging track, nautilus weight center, aquatic center, classrooms and a physical fitness appraisal laboratory.

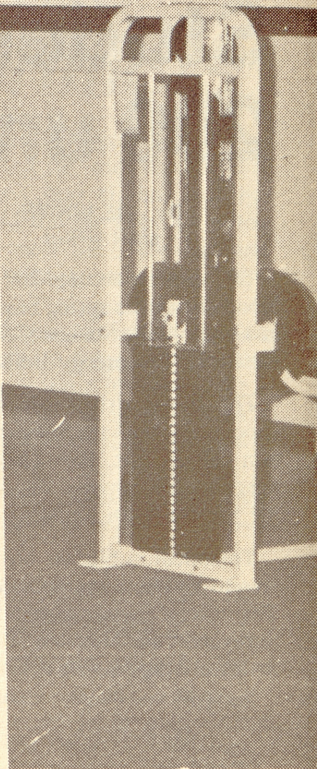
The Apache Band will begin the dedication with a concert at 1 p.m. in the new Gentry Gymnasium. Formal dedication is at 1:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m. the center will open for tours and exhibitions.

A 1984 study evaluating campus needs for the next 10 years suggested that a new health and physical educa-

tion building was needed to give TJC at least a minimum standard for the program, explained Doggett. When Gentry Gym collapsed, many classes were moved into Wagstaff Gym. Opening the new facility will allow Wagstaff Gym to be used primarily for intercollegiate athletics while classes enjoy state of the art equipment in the new building.

Use of the Center will begin June 1 to allow time for finishing touches to be made, said Doggett. "Students, faculty and Apache club members can use the facilities when classes are not using an area. Our first priority," said Doggett, "is teaching."

The department has been gearing up its program for the last few years to make the transition to the new building as smooth as possible, said Doggett. Community service classes similar to regular TJC classes will also be offered in the new building through the continuing education department.



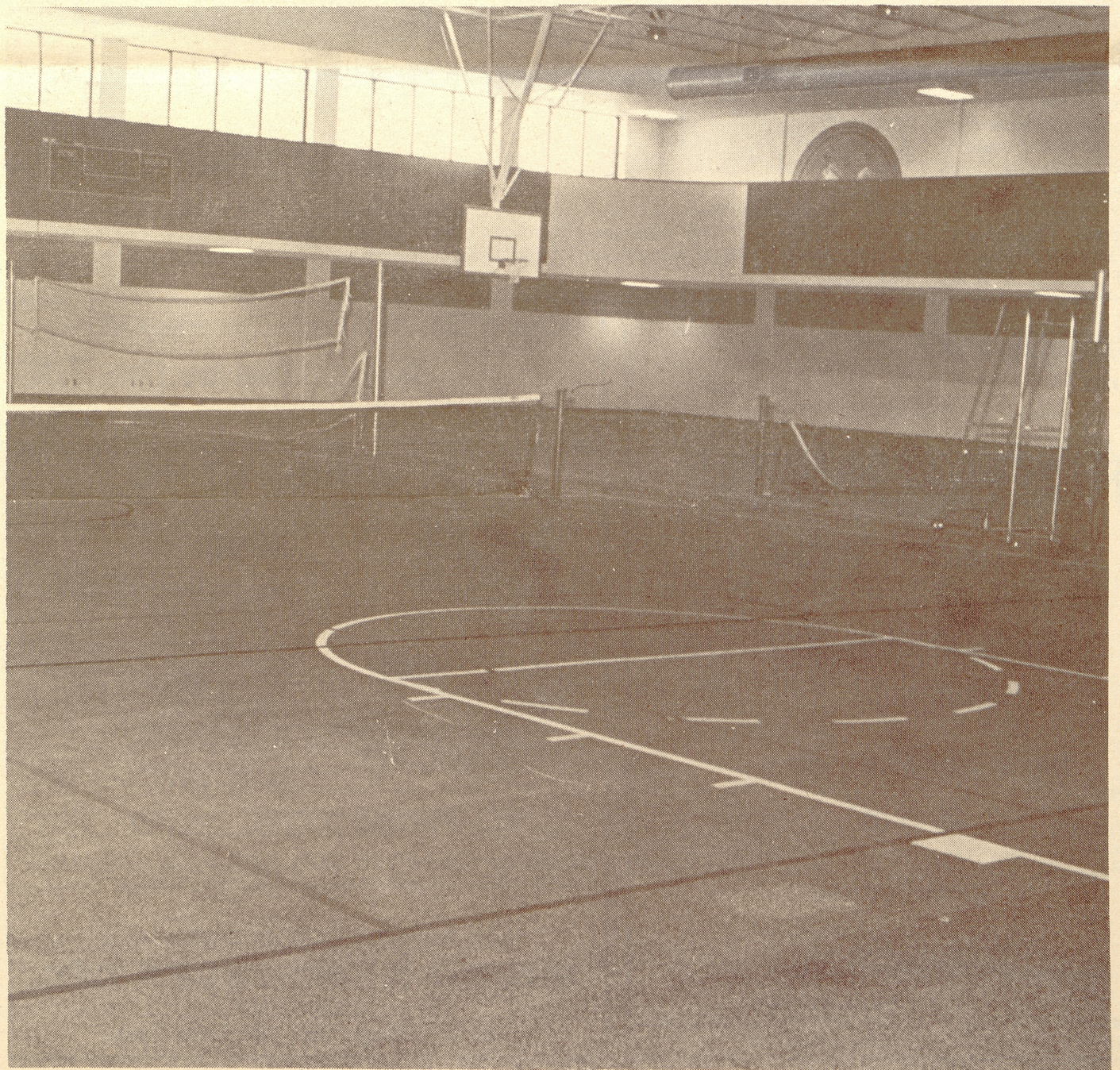
ONCE AROUND THE BLOCK--
(top) Assistant Bookkeeper Cheryl Mays and Mail Clerk Julie Trammel walk around the one-tenth-mile track in the new HPE building during a lunch break.

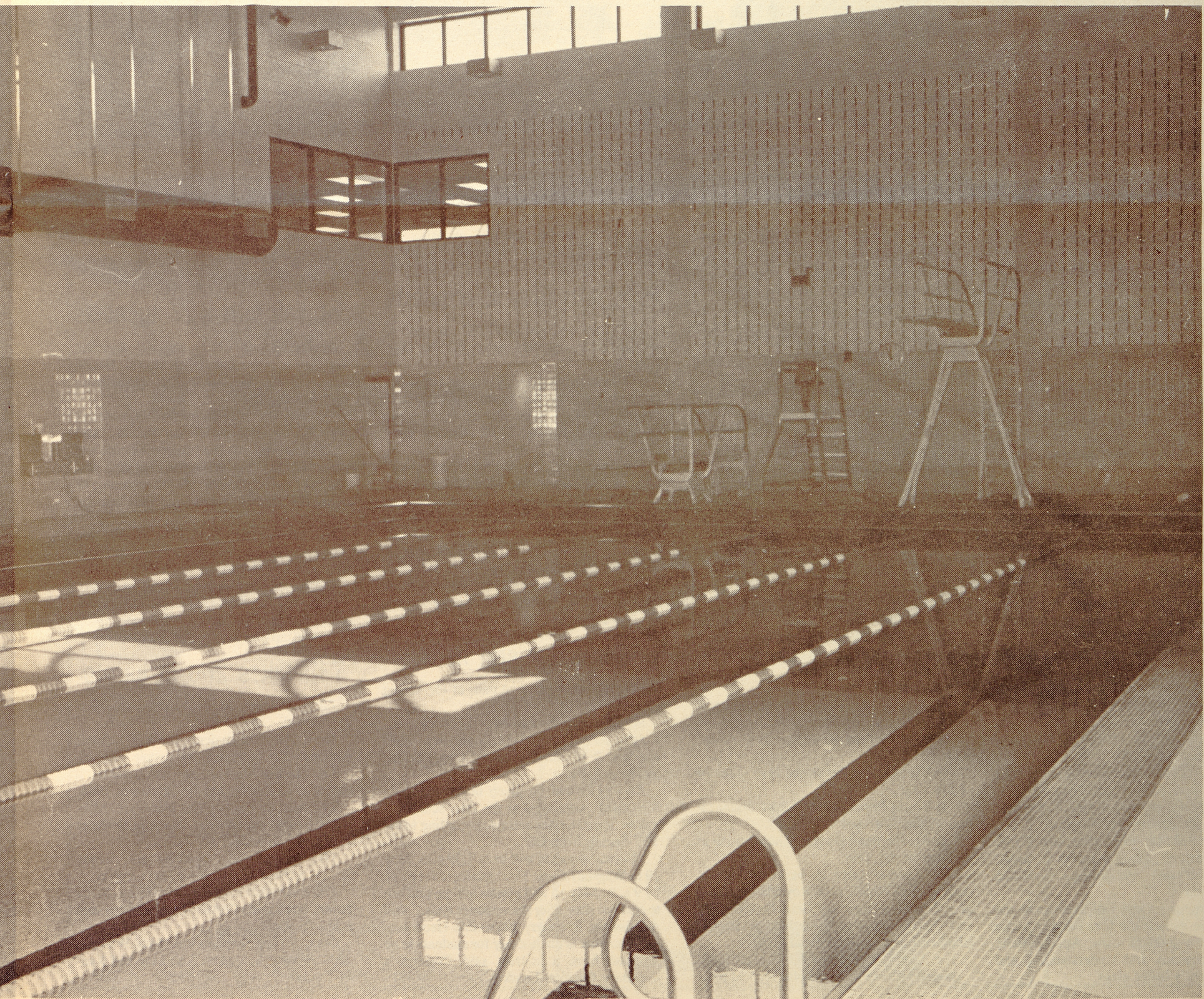
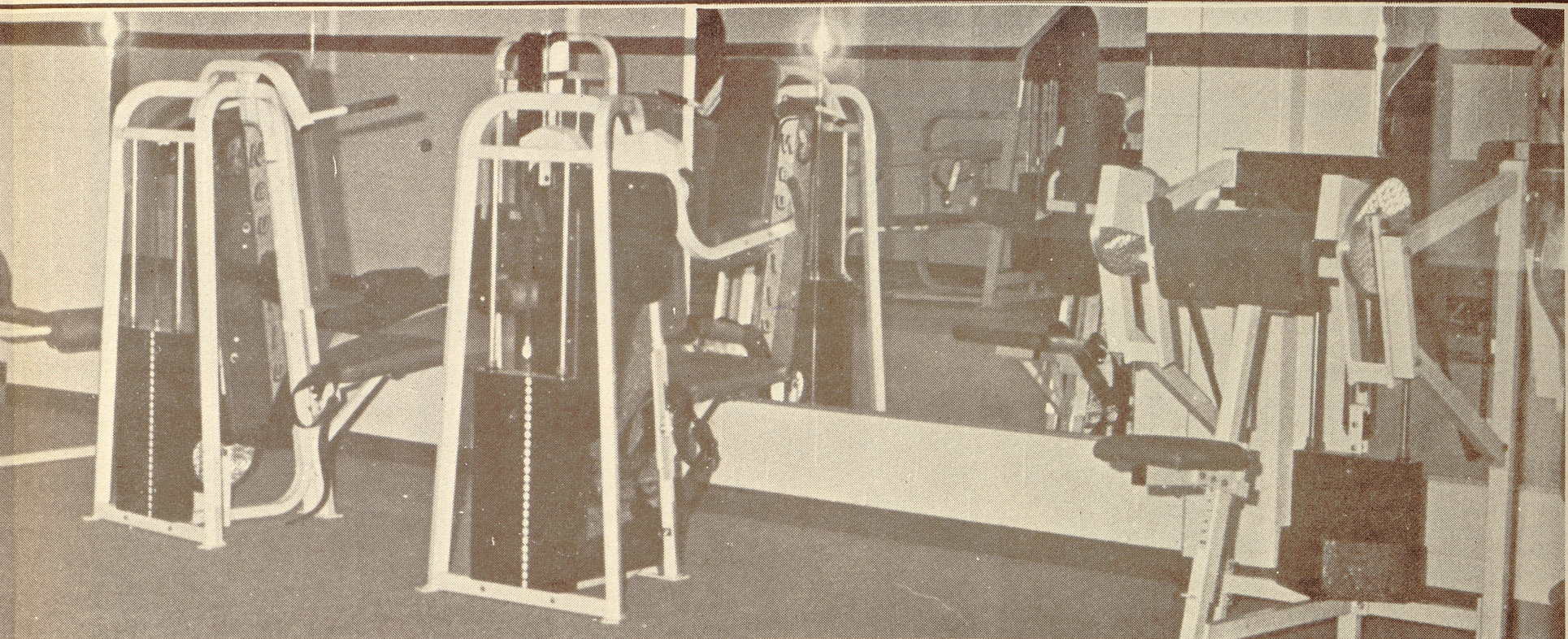
BALLS--(center) Tennis balls, basketballs and volleyballs will have a new home in the new Gentry Gymnasium. The room includes lines and posts for basketball, volleyball and tennis on the carpeted surface.

LIFT--(top right) Weights in Nautilus equipment room offer students, faculty and Apache Club members campus convenience to equipment usually found in many health clubs.

SPLASH--(bottom right) Swimming, diving, lifesaving, water safety and other water activities will be taught in the aquatics center of the HPE Center. The pool ranges in depth from 3 to 13 feet and has two diving boards.

photos by alan freeman





Campus Briefs

Club to sell plants for Mom

The Ornamental Horticulture Club will sell plants May 8-9 to finance a trip to San Luis Obispo, Cal., next year.

"Our Mother's Day Sale will offer miniature roses, orchids, hanging baskets and French garden pots," said Horticulture Club member Carol Martin.

The sale next weekend will be from 1-6 p.m. May 8 and from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. May 9 in the TJC parking lot at Fifth and Palmer streets and next to Jack-in-the-Box on South Broadway.

"Come by and select a plant for Mom," said Martin.

The Club plans to send students to the 1988 Associated Landscape Contractors of America Field Days in California. "This will be an excellent opportunity to represent TJC and our horticulture-oriented area of East Texas," said Horticulture Club President Earl Hoffman.

To place orders in advance for miniature roses which cost \$5.50, call 531-2217. Orchids will cost \$15 to \$20 and the club will charge \$2.50 extra for wrapping.

Grads asked to practice

Graduation practice will be at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in Wagstaff Gym. During practice, students will receive caps and gowns, graduation invitations and further information about commencement.

"Practice will last about two hours," said Admission Dean Kenneth Lewis. "They will go through a dry run and practice the pronunciation of students' names."

Students are excused from classes during practice.

"This also gives the students a chance to understand the system so they won't be standing up at the wrong time," said Lewis.

Currently 605 students are candidates for graduation.

Spring commencement is set May 19 at 7:30 in Wagstaff Gym.

Students unable to attend practice may pick up caps and gowns in the Registrar's Office beginning Wednesday, May 6. Faculty and staff may also pick up caps and gowns in the Gym during practice or Wednesday in the Registrar's Office.

Students unable to participate in commencement exercises must contact Joan Norris in the Registrar's Office as soon as possible, said Lewis.

Belles' show opens Friday

The Apache Belles will present their Calendar Girl spring show at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday in Wise Auditorium.

Tickets cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Show tickets are available at both Stage Door shops in Tyler. Tickets can also be purchased at the Athletic Office in Wagstaff Gym, Wise Auditorium box office and from any Apache Belle.

"Tickets will also be available at the door the nights of the show," said Willa Perkins, secretary for the division of health, physical education, recreation and athletics. Directed by Belle Choreographer Ruth Flynn, the show features dance numbers to depict months of the year, highlighting seasons and special holidays.

Other campus groups will perform at the show. These include the Jazz Band, Apache Cheerleaders, football team, Apache Belle Guards, Harmony and Understanding and Kathy Senger's ballet class.



courtesy photo

REMEMBER MOTHER'S DAY!— The May sale will offer miniature roses, orchids, hanging baskets and French garden pots.

Library to extend hours

Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center beginning May 10 will have extended hours to allow students the opportunity to study for final exams, said Library Services Director Johnnye Kennedy.

The extended hours will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sundays, 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

"The extended hours are for the students to use the Library to prepare for their final exams," said Kennedy.

Library hours are being extended from Sunday, May 10, until the end of the semester, added Kennedy.

The extended hours will allow students an extra three hours to study on Sunday and an extra hour a day Monday through Wednesday.

Senate gives awards

The Students Senate awarded many pins, plaques and certificates at their banquet last week in the Student Center.

They include:

- David Candieff as Representative of the Year,
- West Hall as Residence Hall of the Year,
- J.B.Holtz as Residence Hall Director of the Year,
- Young Republicans as Best Organization of the Year and
- Apache Band Director Gary Jordan as Advisor of the Year.

The Apache (men's) basketball team, Apache Basketball Coach Roy Thomas, Student Activities Secretary Gene Beddingfield and Food Services Coordinator Brenda Blankenship received special awards.

The Apache Cheerleaders received pins. Senate officers received plaques and pins.

Apache Band, Hudnall Hall and Tri-C received certificates of appreciation.

Danny McBride, Laura Blankenship and Gary Holverson received awards for special service.

Bands to play 2 concerts

The Symphonic and Jazz bands will present annual spring concerts Sunday and Thursday, May 7.

The Symphonic Band will play Sunday in conjunction with the opening and formal dedication of the new H.P.E. building on campus, said Apache Band Director Gary Jordan.

The concert will start at 1 p.m. Sunday with musical selections from: John Phillip Sousa, Gustav Holst, Claude T. Smith, Richard Wagner, Clifton Williams and James Sudduth.

The Jazz Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Wagstaff Gym.

The concerts are open to the public and admission is free. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend, said Jordan.

Semester end nears

Only six class days remain in the spring semester.

Spring semester ends May 15, with finals for day classes May 11-14. Night class finals are May 7-10 and Weekend College exams are May 8-10.

All exams will be given in the regularly scheduled classrooms at the time scheduled unless otherwise announced, according to the TJC Spring Schedule.

"Commencement will be at 7:30 p.m. May 19 in Wagstaff Gym. Final grades will be due by 9 a.m. May 15 and grades will be sent out to students soon after the semester ends," said Admissions Secretary Bernadine Heckman.

Tomorrow is the last day for students to be dropped from a course, said Registrar's Secretary Carolyn Laudon.

Summer Session I classes begin June 3 with registration June 1 and late registration June 3-4. Finals for Summer I will be given July 7.

Summer Class Schedules are available in the Registrar's Office.

Job Fair draws 27 agencies

Representatives of 27 medical agencies were present for the third annual Health Science Job and Career Fair Monday in Wagstaff Gym.

"This Fair concentrates on the graduates in the TJC medical sciences curriculum," said Viola Benavides, assistant dean of science and mathematics, "but we were delighted that students and members of the community came. It was really a success, better than we anticipate."

Medical agencies from Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, Austin and the East Texas area sent representatives.

The annual Job Fair began three years ago.

"The next Job Fair will be next spring, probably in April, and all the reps have asked to return next spring," said Benavides.

TJC takes 2nd in karate

TJC placed second in a karate tournament at Caldwell Gym recently.

More than 200 students from 20 schools participated as more than 500 people watched.

TJC student Mark Jerger was awarded a plaque as one of the top 10 fighters of 1986.

TJC students winning first places are: Mike Kelley, Gayland Morris, Darnella Webster and Erin Dunworth.

TJC second place students are: Sandy Smith, Steve Fillippa and Robert Foster.

TJC third places are: Kitten Holey, Stacy Smith, and Shawn Garner. Scott Phillips won a fourth place.

Other TJC participants are: Todd Winters, Scott Ashworth, Vanesa Robinson and Randy Fauss.

Sharing life's lessons sparks teaching

By SUSAN BLALOCK
staff writer

An hour or so spent with English Instructor Noamie Byrum is seldom enough. Listening to her, one knows the wisdom she imparts is well thought out, well planned, not just a stream of facts she has learned. Her wisdom comes from living and learning life.

The mother of three was born and brought up in rural Smith County. She earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University, but her quest for knowledge is continuing and broad. At SFA her studies included philosophy, psychology, political science and history as well as English.

Byrum, who has been teaching at TJC for 16 years, travels as often as possible, especially in the summer.

"I lo-o-ove to travel," Byrum says. The greatest reward from travel, she says, is the "enrichment of my life." In class she draws upon that enrichment from travel to bring personality to the authors she discusses.

One of her most memorable moments brought by travel came

when, outside Cambridge, England, she sat writing letters on a bridge where Chaucer had sat more than 500 years ago.

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"I would like to have home in Maine to spend August and the fall months," Byrum said.

In London, her choice for a spring home, she would like to have a flat during the theater and opera season.

For the present, her time is consumed with academic responsibilities. She is working on an honors program taught for the first

time this year, as well as material for a literature course entitled "Women in Literature" to be offered here again in the fall.

Byrum is also writing two books. "I worked on them last year and for six months I wrote every day," she said.

She has filed them away for now, however, lacking the tranquility and peace of mind she finds necessary for writing.

To Byrum, life is a constant battle, full of contrasts.

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In Byrum's presence, one feels that life is a subject to be studied daily. Maybe she has a point.

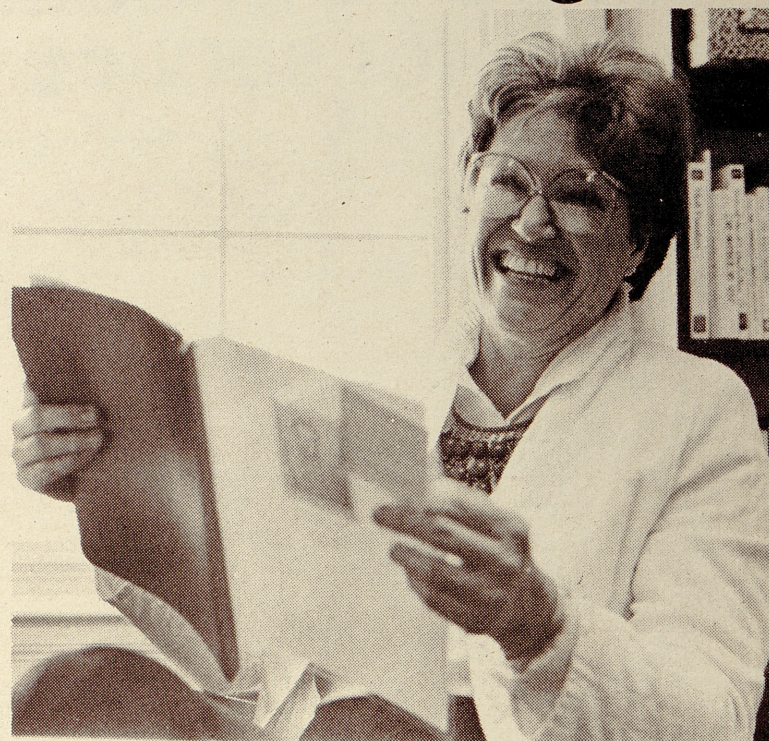


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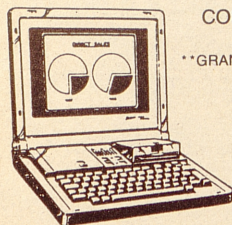
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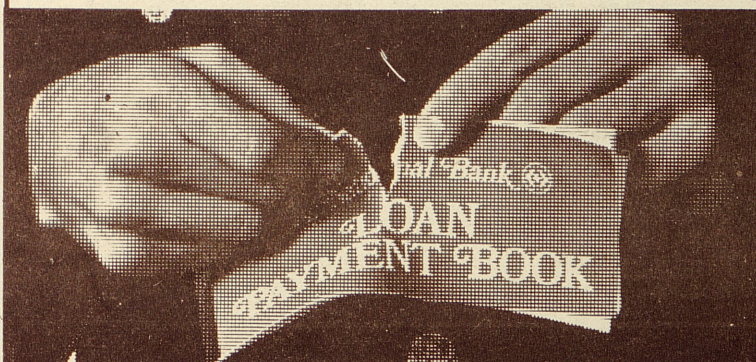
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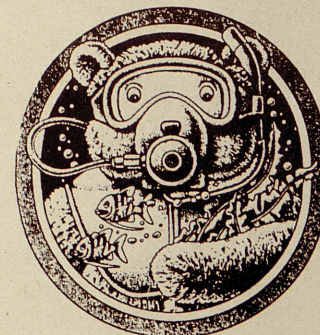
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Tutors to gain honor for service

TJC will honor peer tutors at an appreciation reception at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center.

The students are recommended as peer tutors by their instructors for subjects in which they excel, said Support Services Specialist Vicki Geisel.

The reception is to show appreciation for the hours of tutoring, students gave this year. Tutors worked a total of 3,877 hours so far this year with 1,427 students requesting assistance.

The reception is open to all students, Geisel said, and students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

Students being honored are: Mark Abbot, Laura Baird, Lisa Bennett, Stacy Black, Pablo Brancho, Frances Brooks, David Brown, Jo Ann Carlisle, Elizabeth Carsten, Linnie Chadwick, Bobbie Chafin, Thomas Clark, Lynda Clower, Benita Cockerman and Linda Easley.

Others are: Leah Durham, Nanette Edwards, Vianna English, Cynthia Ferguson, Stephen Fillippa, Kathleen Flacy, Paige Fletcher, Lee

Frey, Mike Gallatin, Douglas Garner, Allison Gideon, Neil Gray, Farnk Guterrez, Kenneth Harrington and Sharon Hess.

Also honored are: Richard Hipp, Mark Jacques, Janet Jamison, Calvin Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Sherry Jones, Marcelia Johnson, Becky Karl, Billy Kidney, John Kilkenny, Curtis Kristianson, Donna Laminack, Tammy Landers, Kerry Lowry and Tim Martin.

Others are: Joan McKain, Melissa Mink, Ronald Moor, Cynthia Mullenax, Beckie Nieman, Suzanne Orbison, Randy Parks, Laura Patton, Danny Parvino, Scott Phillips, Amy Plemmons, Tomas Pollard, Melanie Power, Jeff Quinn and Brenda Raiborn.

The honorees include: Bill Ray, Sonja Reeves, Andy Smith, David Spearman, Kristy Swan, Teresa Syme, Paula Townsend, Cindi Waggoner, Jean Waldson, Melissa Weinbrenner, Liz Woods, Robert Wyatt and Phillip Rainer.

In the fall 726 students sought help from tutors and in the spring 665 asked for aid.

Greek awards

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Outstanding achievement awards were also presented at the banquet.

Delta Upsilon received the outstanding community service award for their fall semester projects. Delta Upsilon helped with the teeter-tot-a-thon, the State Department of Highways Adopt-a-Highway Program. They also helped the Delta Upsilon chapter at the University of Texas at Arlington raise money for the American Cancer Society by working in the DU Haunted House. DU was also recognized for best pledge retention for the whole year.

The top GPA award went to the Pi Kappa fraternity with an average of 2.3.

Sans Souci sorority won for their contribution to the fall and spring blood drives.

Outstanding member awards went to Scott Hauser of Delta Upsilon, Bill Fleck of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kelly Boucher of Pi Kappa, Kim Monzingo of Sans Souci, Christi Powell of Zeta Phi Omega and Kim Ward of Tau Kappa.

Outstanding pledge awards went to David Chatterton of Delta Upsilon, Tony Cross of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Mitch Agan of Pi Kappa, Jamie Bower of Sans Souci, Mary

Jackson of Zeta Phi Omega and Jane Fisher of Tau Kappa.

Pi Kappa was awarded as the Most Improved Organization

A representative of each organization told the audience of mostly Greek members what makes a good leader.

"A leader must set goals and be willing to diversify if he wants to ac-

complish anything," said Delta Upsilon President Joe White.

"Leaders must have a sense of character," said Zeta President Missy Long.

Tau Kappa President Kim Ward said a leader must have determination and be fair with everyone while Sig Eps President Bill Fleck advised everyone to work together.

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